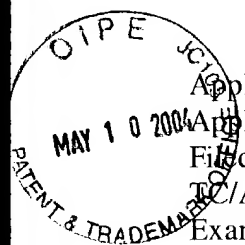


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Transmitted herewith is a Reply to Restriction Requirement in the Office Action mailed April 6, 2004 in the above-identified Application.

Applicants are other than a small entity. The shortened statutory period of response is set to expire on May 6, 2004. Applicants believe that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in these fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

No additional fee for the Amendment is required. The fee for the Amendment has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Other Than Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra		Rate	Additional Fee		Rate	Additional Fee
Total	59	- 97	= 0		x \$ 9	\$		x \$ 18	\$0
Independent	4	- 6	= 0		x \$ 43	\$		x \$ 86	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					x \$145	\$		x \$290	\$0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE									\$0

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

X Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of extra Claims.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 5/5/04

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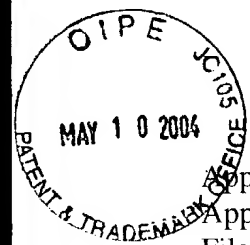
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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**IN OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 6, 2004**

Dear Commissioner:

This Reply is submitted in response to the Official Action mailed April 6, 2004. This Reply is being submitted within the one (1) month shortened statutory time period. Accordingly, no fee is required. As discussed below, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II (claims 39-97), as identified by the Examiner.

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